

6. (Amended) The cap of claim 5, wherein the flexible sleeve comprises [at least one of] plastic [and] or rubber.

10. (Amended) The [computer pointing device] cap of claim 5, wherein an upper surface of the bottom support comprises a plurality of holes, wherein each individual hole within the plurality of [the] holes is adapted for receiving a portion of one of the plurality of wire supports that includes the third wire.

16. (Amended) A cap for a computer pointing device, comprising:

a bottom support;

an elastic cover that overlays the bottom support, wherein the elastic cover has a cylindrical shape, and wherein a first end of the cover is open; and

one or more scores located along a circumference of [on] an inner surface of the cover[, wherein each of the scores is located along a circumference of the cylindrical inner surface].

17. (Amended) The [computer pointing device] cap of claim 16, wherein a height of the cap above an upper surface of the bottom support is approximately equal to or greater than a diameter of the cap.

21. (Amended) The cap of claim 20, wherein each of the plurality of wire supports comprises [three wires] a first wire, a second wire, and a third wire encased in a flexible sleeve, wherein a first end of the first wire is adjacent to a second end of the cover, a second end of the first wire is adjacent to a first end of the second wire, and a second end of the second wire is adjacent to a first end of the third wire.

26. (Amended) The [computer pointing device] cap of claim 21, wherein an upper surface of the bottom support comprises a plurality of holes, wherein each individual hole within the plurality of [the] holes is adapted for receiving a portion of one of the plurality of wire supports that includes the third wire.

29. A computer pointing device, comprising:

a control stick; and

a cap, comprising:

a bottom support, wherein the bottom support is positioned on an upper surface of the control stick; and

an elastic cover with a cylindrical shape, wherein a first end of the cover is open and is fitted over the bottom support and an upper portion of the control stick, and wherein an inner surface of the cover comprises one or more scores located along circumferences of the [cylindrical] inner surface.

35. (Amended) The computer pointing device of claim 34, wherein each of the plurality of wire supports comprises [three wires] a first wire, a second wire, and a third wire encased in a flexible sleeve, wherein a first end of the first wire is adjacent to a second end of the cover, a second end of the first wire is adjacent to a first end of the second wire, and a second end of the second wire is adjacent to a first end of the third wire.

37. (Amended) The computer pointing device of claim 35, wherein an upper surface of the bottom support comprises a plurality of holes, wherein each individual hole within the plurality of [the] holes is adapted for receiving a portion of one of the plurality of wire supports that includes the third wire.

43. (Amended) The computer pointing device of claim 42, wherein a depth of the depression can accommodate [the entire] a length of the spring when the spring is compressed.